Schools were considered and orders passed thereon. One of the chief recommendations at the Conference was to do away with the Public Service Endorsement in School Leaving Certificates. Apart from the general misapprehension that the endorsement implied success in the examination, the Government found that this arrangement, which had been adopted purely for the sake of administrative convenience, did not work satisfactorily, and resolved to leave the choice of candidates for employment to heads of departments, who could be guided by the marks recorded in the certificates of applicants. The system of endorsing the certificates for the public service was therefore abolished.

34. The Sanskrit Patasala was reorganised and raised to a College under a Principal. In regard to Mahomedan education, the Government regret to note that the number of Mahomedan pupils attending recognised schools fell from 4,957 to 4,853 and that the advantage of free education now given in Lower Grade Elementary Schools is not availed of by the community to any appreciable extent. The Government asked the Director of Public Instruction to investigate the question of Mahomedan education further, and submit practical proposals. The Director held a conference of Mahomedans on the 21st December 1914, and his report has just been received. The policy of throwing open schools to all classes of His Highness' subjects is being persisted in steadily. The question of the institution of a Provident Fund for the benefit of the licensed teachers of recognised Private Schools was taken up for consideration and a Committee was appointed to frame a scheme for instituting the fund. The report of the Committee has been received and published in the Gazette. Copies of the report will be distributed to you. His Highness has commanded that the opinion of select members of this Assembly should be taken on the subject. The question of refusing admission to married boys into the schools was brought up at the last two sessions of the Assembly. The subject has received the careful consideration of His Highness' Government and a G. O. has been issued recently declaring the inadvisability of importing any such restriction into the Education Code. The Text Book Committee has been reorganised and the Malayalam Sub-Committee strengthened, members outside the Education Department having also been appointed. It is a matter for regret that the Educational Boards had to be abolished, as it was found that they were not doing any appreciable work. A Public Service Notification has been issued prescribing not only the qualification for admission into the Public Service in general, but also the special qualification required for the technical departments of the State.

35. You will note from the figures given in para 209 of the Administration Report that the gross expenditure on "Education" in 1089 went up by over three lakhs of rupees *i. e.*, from Rs. 12,84,450 to Rs. 15,89,080. The expenditure is bound to increase still further. Although the Government fixed the budget allotment for the current year at about eighteen lakhs, additional funds to the extent of Rs. 50,000 had to be granted for additional staff and for relieving the congestion in the Higher Grade Elementary Schools by starting new Lower Grade Elementary Schools. The growing expenditure under "Education" calls for serious consideration.

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36. **Devaswoms.**—The scheme sanctioned for the reorganisation of the Devaswoms is being gradually worked out. The *pathivus* of 33 Minor Devaswoms, which either did not exist, or which had no *bimbams* or *pujas*, were stopped during the year. Proposals have been received for the revision of 95 Major Devaswoms, but final orders have been deferred, pending the receipt of additional information from the Peishkars. The repairs of several temples were in progress. The net demand of Devaswom Land Revenue during the year was Rs. 4,02,657, of which a sum of Rs. 3,85,607 was collected. The total expenditure on Devaswoms fell from Rs. 11,79,282 to Rs. 11,56,256. The total receipts amounted to Rs. 4,43,146, the net expenditure being Rs. 7,13,110, against Rs. 7,22,890 in 1088.

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